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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 29 MAY 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. At 0900 hours on 6 May 1999, two khaki-coloured, wheeled personnel carriers were observed travelling close to the Iraq-Kuwait boundary line, coming from the Sumud Kuwaiti guard post at coordinates 994946 and heading towards the Jarayshan Kuwaiti guard post at coordinates 070187. The two vehicles then returned, carrying three black Land Cruiser wheels.

2. At 0700 hours on 15 May 1999, a patrol from the Kuwaiti side fired 24 bursts of machine-gun fire close to pillars 104 and 105.

3. At 1745 hours on 15 May 1999, a Kuwaiti vessel intercepted an Iraqi launch coming from the sea and heading towards the port of Umm Qasr between buoy 19 at coordinates 2014 and buoy 21 at coordinates 1618 in Khawr Abd Allah.

4. On 17 May 1999, two Kuwaiti vessels opened fire with a machine-gun on Iraqi vessels in the area between buoys 21 and 23, before heading off in the direction of Bubiyan Island.

I request that you intervene with Kuwait with a view to bringing a halt to such unwarranted acts of provocation and aggression being perpetrated with increasing frequency in recent times by Kuwaiti patrols, given that they are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the norms of international law and that they pose a threat to the sovereignty and security of a State Member of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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